U.S. Denies Report

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The State Department yesterday denied reports that U.S. intelligence quickly learned who killed U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies on Cyprus in August, 1974, and declared that "the U.S. government does not know the identity" of the assassins.

The U.S. has consistently and vigorously pushed efforts to find Davies' killers, including the supplying of television film and other unspecified evidence to Cypriot authorities, spokesman John Trattner said in a prepared statement.

"The government of Cyprus is aware that we are not satisfied with its actions to date," he said.

Trattner rejected any suggestion that the United States has been lax in its efforts to find the killers, calling this "an unwarranted and reprehensible distortion" and a disservice to Davies' memory.